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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REQUEST<br/>FOR<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION<br/>(RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,<br/>provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application<br/>filed on or after June 8, 1995.<br/>See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p> | <i>Application Number</i>     | 10/697,546        |
|  | <i>Filing Date</i>            | 10/30/2003        |
|  | <i>First Named Inventor</i>   | David W. Wynn     |
|  | <i>Group Art Unit</i>         | 1618              |
|  | <i>Examiner Name</i>          | Michah Paul Young |
|  | <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | MCP5015USNP       |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  
(any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **10-0750**.
- i. ☒ RCE fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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| Signature         | /William E. McGowan/ | Date             | October 30, 2007 |

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via The Office electronic filing system in accordance with 37 CFR 1.6(a)(4) on October 12, 2007

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